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## Big Red Truck rolls away with UTA money

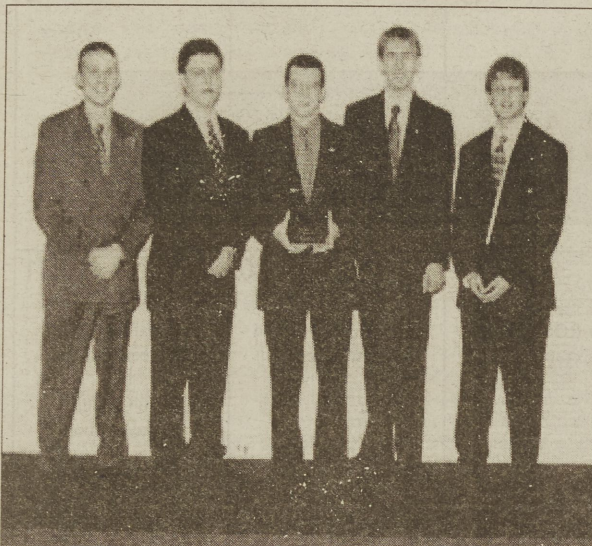


Photo courtesy of The Big Red Truck Company

Chris Barrell, Peter Nei, Dan Gallagher, Gordon Thompson, and Hans Nelson (left to right), otherwise known as The Big Red Truck Company, pose with their award.

**Lindsey VanSchoiack**  
Editor-in-Chief

This year's User Technology Associates Entrepreneurial Venture Contest winner is a group calling themselves "The Big Red Truck Company", who successfully competed against four other teams to win the \$1,000 first place prize.

The User Technology Associates Entrepreneurial Venture Contest took place in the Myers Presentation room on March 24. The contest encourages students to expand on an idea for the development of a business around a new user-oriented technology, a business that integrates current user technologies, a business that introduces a new marketing spin on a current technology, or some other business idea involving a user technology.

1st Place and the grand prize went to The Big Red Truck Company, composed of Dan Gallagher, Chris Barrell, Peter Nei, Gordon Thompson, and Hans Nelson. Second Place and \$500 went to Intel-

ligent Bio-signal Processing and Analysis (IBPA) consisting of Katherine Thayer, and Kit Crafton. Third Place and \$250 went to REALeTOUR composed of Nat Bowe and Scott Himes. Development Connections, thought of by Keith Casey; and National Educational Consulting, consisting of Joel Ericson and Katie Weiss rounded out the competition.

The contest was conducted by two Rose-Hulman graduates, now employees of UTA. Jeremy Showalter 2000 ME, and Casey Keith 2000 CS and Econ., officiated the contest, and came out to see the presentations.

The five groups came up with an incredibly broad array of projects, from using senior design groups as think tanks for large companies to using computers to compare medical test results.

Big Red Truck Member Chris Barrell said that their project was building "custom fire apparatus using state-of-the-art production tactics, while focusing on superior

customer service and efficient distribution channels."

Group member Nei added that, "we also had the Dalmatian, a computerized control system and networking tool."

All of the groups agreed that the contest was well run, and a great opportunity.

Ericson of National Educational Consulting commented, "I thought it was an excellent opportunity to broaden our entrepreneurial skills on a competitive level."

James Eifert, Rose-Hulman Ventures president, Tom Mason, VP of entrepreneurial and business planning at Ventures, as well as two UTA representatives, judged the proposals.

All competing teams submitted an executive summary and a mini business plan to UTA this past winter. Then they were invited to give 20 minute presentations on their business proposal for the final step of the contest which took place on March 24.

## Avian Instrumentality Project tested on campus, met with mixed results

**Jennifer Phelps**  
News Editor

On April 2, you might have noticed the testing of the Avian Instrumentality Project, otherwise known as the rubber ducks floating on Scum Pond. A group of senior engineering majors decided that Rose was not properly taken care of for April Fools day and hence pulled a senior prank. One hundred yellow rubber ducks were launched onto Scum Pond in hopes to raise spirits and to ward off the geese.

The ducks were designed with weights to make sure they would float upright and were rigged with an anchoring system to help pre-

vent the ducks from moving on the pond. The prank did not last as long as the project members expected due to freshmen and other onlookers who removed the ducks from the pond.

Anyone who has a duck is encouraged to return the duck to the owners. The ducks do have numbers on them to help with tracking. If you would like to have a duck, you can request one from the members of the project after all of the ducks are returned. For more information about the project or where the ducks can be returned, you can go to [www.geocities.com/rooseduck2001](http://www.geocities.com/rooseduck2001) or email them at [RoseDuck2001@hotmail.com](mailto:RoseDuck2001@hotmail.com).



Don Harrington/ Thorn

The ducks as they were seen early Monday morning on Scum Pond.

## Campus Coffee opens in Union gameroom

**Matthew Walter**  
Editor Emeritus

The craving for coffee is not uncommon to the students of Rose-Hulman. In the past, to get a good cup of java, you had to travel across town to the Coffee Grounds. No longer is that the case. Students need only walk over to the Union to grab themselves a cappuccino, latte or mocha.

This new venture, dubbed Campus Coffee, is located in the back of the gameroom. It is open from noon to 11 pm. everyday. Today is the last day before break that it will be open, with a grand opening being planned for after break.

They offer a full menu of drinks, both hot and iced. They also have some pastries for sale, such as doughnuts and cookies. The prices are very affordable as well, ranging

from 50 cents for a 16-ounce coffee, to \$1.65 for a 20-ounce french soda.

John Whidden and Amy Reed are running Campus Coffee, funded initially by SGA. They are hoping that the shop will be self-sufficient and be able to fund itself in the future.

Approximately 25 students work for the coffee shop, which is able to make use of work-study students.



Matthew Walter/ Thorn

Amanda Martin prepares coffee for the customers of Campus Coffee. The shop expects to have a grand opening after break.

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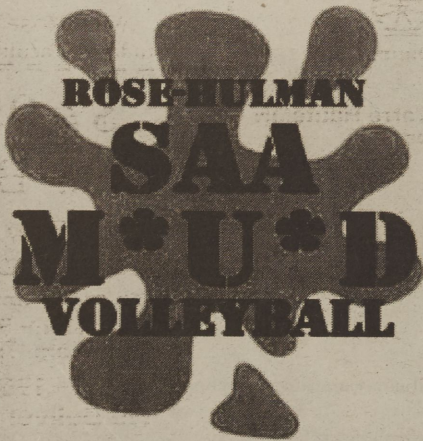
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Isolated T-Storms  
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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
SPRING BREAK							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Classes Resume	Blood Drive	Blood Drive	Army ROTC Award Ceremony	Final Date to drop a class w/o penalty	Fundamentals of Engineering Exam  Chi Omega Dance-a-thon	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
				SCAC Conference Tournament	Upperclass Housing Deposits Due	Campus Beautification Day  Tri Delta Teeter Totter-a-thon	



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April Duncan,  
Jennifer Ho,  
and Jackie Sanders  
to the Delta Delta Delta sisterhood.

## SUBMISSIONS

Events may be published in *Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures, speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*. All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.



# R News Briefs

## Computer systems hacked at Rose

Several computer systems here at Rose were hacked on Monday, March 26. The campus email system and the campus AFS servers were the most severely affected systems. This hacking will cost Rose thousands of dollars in new equipment and manpower, as well as put the already fragile systems in greater danger of crashing.

## Registrar administrative assistant in serious auto accident

Debbie Valentine was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Alabama on the weekend of 24 March. The other passengers in her car were not injured. She remains in an Alabama hospital for another couple of weeks before she can return to Terre Haute and hopefully back here to work at Rose. If anyone would like to send her a card or a letter, you can get the address from the Registrar's Office.

## SGA announces CLASS PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

Class President Petitions are now available in front of the SGA Office in the Union. If you are interested, please pick one up. Nominations require 25 signatures from members of your respective class and a completely filled bio sheet for an article in the Thorn. Petitions are due by 5:00pm Friday, April 20 in the SGA office or in the SGA campus mailbox 2043. Class President elections will be held on May 1, 2001 for next year's Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. If you have any questions about the position or the election process, please contact the SGA Executive Director, Chad Alojipan, at chad.m.alojipan@rose-hulman.edu.

## New Rotary scholarship available

Rotary International has announced a new scholarship, Rotary World Peace Scholarship, available to those persons interested in completing a two-year masters degree in international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution at one of seven international Rotary Centers. Eligibility includes the selection of persons who would make a significant positive impact

on world peace, who are academically talented, and demonstrate proficiency in more than one language. Funding for the scholarship includes tuition and required fees, room and board, transportation to and from the center and contingency expenses. Applications for the 2002-2004 scholarship are due on April 23, 2001, and they are available from: Barbara Passmore, School of Health and Human Performance, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 47809.

## ASME hosts Frank Shurick

On Tuesday, April 03, 2001, the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology hosted Frank Shurick, Manager of Design Technology at Pratt & Whitney to speak about Engineering Automation Trends 2000 to 2010. Mr. Shurick has 28 years experience in the mechanical and structural design disciplines of gas turbine engineering.

Currently, Mr. Shurick leads a team that develops methods and software unique to gas turbine design at Pratt and Whitney. In addition, his team provides specifications for companies like Unigraphics and ANSYS for engineering software development.

Mr. Shurick has been a guest speaker at more than 25 companies, organizations, and universities including General Motors, Boeing, Ebraer, NASA, ASME, University of Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania State University.

Mr. Shurick spoke on the old techniques of engineering at Pratt & Whitney and how the company is revolutionizing their engineering techniques in order to stay competitive. During his talk, he showed how Pratt & Whitney is realizing greater profit margins due to quality engineering based on virtual testing and cross-discipline cooperation in all departments. He also stressed the importance of repeatable results in manufacturing and how that makes a better product.

## Time to give blood again

The spring quarter blood drive will be held on April 17 and 18. The drive is brought to you by RHA and is a good way to help the community.

# Walk America: It's Time For You To Be a Hero!

## Arin Sarros Staff Writer

On April 28th, 2001, the March of Dimes 31st Annual WalkAmerica will be held. Beginning at 8:00 AM at the ISU Memorial Stadium, participants can choose to walk a two or nine mile loop. Those who choose not to walk may make a donation. All who donate will receive lunch and entertainment.

Rose-Hulman is going to participate as a team this year, so register with Trudy Sladek at x8967, Susan Butts at x8457, or Carrie McCammon at x8328. This is the March of Dimes' biggest fundraising event. Last year, donations grossed \$89.3 million. These monies go to research that is working to correct, handle and eradicate various types of birth defects. Prenatal and congenital disorders were not always the main focus of this organization, however.

In the beginning, the March of Dimes was called the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which was founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1938.

The purpose of this organization was to find a cure for Polio, which had been afflicting large numbers of the population after World War I and into the 1930's.

Later during 1938, radio announcer Eddie Cantor solicited his listeners to send their spare dimes to the White House to support the cause. The response was overwhelming. Over two million dimes found their way to the White House in a very short amount of time, even though citizens were strapped for cash. Cantor thought of the great number of dimes making their way to Washington as a march, and this personification eventually led the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis to adopt the name March of Dimes.

The basic goal of the March of Dimes was to control and eradicate the Polio virus. They funded the research effort that identified the virus and created the vaccine. The mass immunization campaigns organized and funded by the March of Dimes nearly obliterated the virus.

After polio, the organization re-evaluated their mission. A

health topic that was key to the nation and yet built upon the research of the past was selected to be their target. That topic of birth defects was chosen. Congenital defects were first targeted by March of Dimes in 1958, and to this day their focus remains in this area.

Before the March of Dimes started funding and research to eliminate birth defects, little was known about them and few people realized the immensity of the problem. An office of public affairs was opened in Washington, D.C. in the early 70's, and campaigns were launched to heighten awareness and knowledge of birth defects among the American people.

The March of Dimes has funded research and organized huge numbers of volunteers for over six decades. The Nobel Prize has been awarded to ten of the scientists they have funded over the years. It took them less than two decades to defeat a disease that had been crippling people for centuries. Given our support, just imagine what more the March of Dimes could do for America and people all over the world!

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# The NEW ROSE SHOW

## Brad Swearingen Staff Writer

Are you tired of school projects? Yeah, me too. It's so annoying to work incredibly hard on a term project for 4-5 weeks, and then after all the build-up, all the prep time, the professor comes off with some non-gratifying comment, "mm HMM, looks good." Well this year Blue Key is trying to alleviate some of that mutual grief.

Every year, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity hosts the Rose Show, which is an event where departments, groups, and clubs come together on Parents' Day Weekend to show off what

they've been doing over the past year.

This year we are doing something semi-new, we are going to pay you to be in it. Well, I guess there's some fine print, as we're going to pay the top three entries.

The Award Prizes are as follows: \$125 for first place, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third.

What and who is eligible for the Rose Show? Anyone with a non-corporate sponsored project can enter. The types of projects we are looking for are the same ones you have already done, and already presented in class. Or, they can be something you've been working on in all of your free time here at Rose.

If you are a freshman, you

might say, "It's not worth my time to be in the Rose Show, because as a freshman it's hard for our projects to compete with the upperclassmen." True, but as an added incentive, we will award \$50 to the top freshman entry.

Why are we doing this? Well in recent years, the attendance for the Rose Show has dropped, and the main reason was that parents wanted to see more student projects in the show. At the time, there were very few. It's hard on moms to be able to hang things on the refrigerator for so long, and then when college comes, they rarely get to see some of the fascinating projects we create. This is our opportunity to show why we are #1.

When is the Rose Show? The Rose Show is in conjunction with Parents' Day Weekend on May 5th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All that is required for you to do that day is to present your project booth to parents as they visit the school. It's as simple as that. And you know as well I do that it doesn't take much to impress the parents.

How do you enter? Well, it is very simple really. Send an email with your name, contact information, and what your project is about to Brad.Swearingen@rose-hulman.edu or Alyson.Tews@rose-hulman.edu. Send us this information by April 19th.

I think the key point to emphasize here is that the projects, for

the most part, are already done. All of the work on your part is finished, and now we are giving you an opportunity to make money on it. We also already have the money set aside, and we're going to give it away whether 3 people enter or 20. So, I'd say your odds are pretty good.

On a final note, we are expecting a large crowd this year, and we would love to see a great turnout from student participation. The Rose Show used to be a huge event where everyone was amazed at what we do here. If we have a good turnout from students, we can show them that they should still be amazed. Blue Key looks forward to hearing from you.

## Engineers In Concert - A look and a listen back

### Jason Lucas Staff Writer

Moench Auditorium was packed to the rafters on Saturday as Rose-Hulman students, faculty, staff, family, friends, and community members watched Engineers in Concert, the final installment of this year's Rose-Hulman Fine Arts Series.

The event showcased thirteen musical acts performed by a variety of Rose-Hulman personnel. Professors, staff members, and of course students showcased their talents. Producer C. Mallory North, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, ran the show magnificently from backstage, while Master of Ceremony William J. Foraker, Assistant Direc-

tor of Development in External Affairs, shared information with us about the performers as he introduced them.

The program started off fast and exciting with the Rose Jazz Band blasting out three songs under the direction of Mr. David Neapass. Next up was Lisa Neese, from Engineering Management, who captivated the audience with her vocal styling of "Flower in the Rain." This was followed up by Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Richard Layton, who shared with us two guitar pieces, one of which was an original composition. Dr. Layton preceded the cultural experience of two Italian arias sung by Applied Optics/Mechanical Engineering student

Robin Harvey, who was accompanied on the piano by Dr. Frank Acker, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The program continued with Electrical Engineering student Brian Johnson on the piano performing "Prelude No. 2 in C# Minor" by George Gershwin.

After Johnson came a vocal duet of sorts by Dr. Don Dekker, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and his wife Cathy. Making his second appearance in the program was Dr. Frank Acker accompanying them on the piano. This performance was special because it marks the final appearance of both Dr. Dekker and Dr. Acker in Engineers in Concert, as both are retiring after this academic year.

The final performance of the first half of the concert featured Brett Bobzien, Chemistry, and Dr. Mark Ball, Associate Professor of Chemistry, performing a piano duet called "C.S. Theme and Variations." The frenzied crowd quickly recognized that the "C.S. in the title stood for "Chop Sticks," every piano student's favorite song, only a lot faster and much more complicated.

After intermission, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Dr. J.P. Mellor, who was dressed in full Scottish attire, right down to the kilt, treated the crowd to a musical lesson on the history and operation of the bagpipe. Next up came Mechanical Engineering student Kylee Smidler singing "Someone

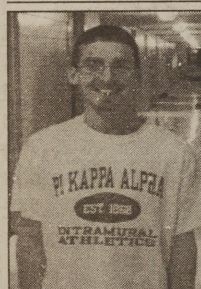
Else's Story," accompanied by Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. Ed Doering on the piano.

Following Smidler's solo was the second of the night's guitar solos, seeing Dr. Tom Adams, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering performing two pieces. Next up came "The Swan," a riveting violoncello solo by senior Mechanical Engineering student Meg Lyman accompanied by Dr. Ed Doering. The final solo performance featured Brett Bobzien playing "Sonata, Op. 13, No. 8" by Ludwig van Beethoven.

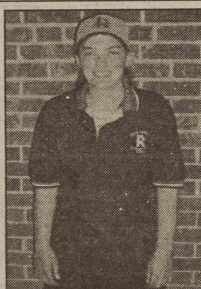
The finale of the concert showcased the Rose Chorus performing three pieces. They were accompanied by Brett Bobzien and directed by Mr. Jeffrey Bounsall.

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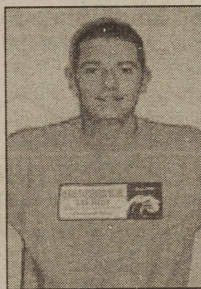
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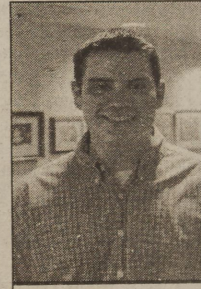
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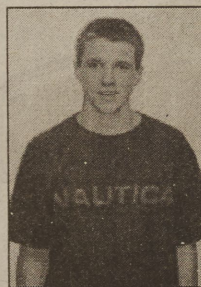
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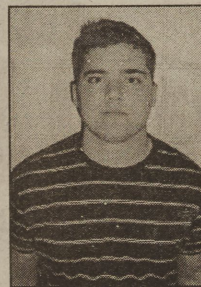
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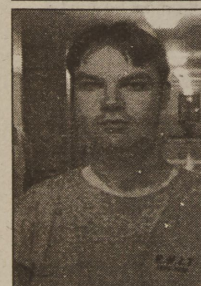
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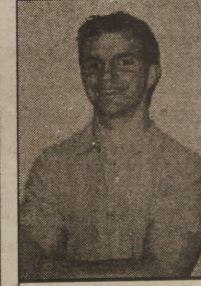
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# Jason's music that's hot

Jason Caron  
Staff Writer

*What's Hot*  
Big Pun  
*Endangered Species*  
AND  
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*Mutter*



Big Pun *Endangered Species* and Rammstein *Mutter*

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On Tuesday, April 3rd, Christopher Lee Rios otherwise known to the rest of the world as Big Pun (short for Big Punisher) released his third album *Endangered Species*. The album marks the third release for Pun since his debut album *Capital Punishment*, which went double platinum upon release back in 1997. Most of you probably remember the hit single "Still Not a Player" in one or more of its forms. Others may have seen Pun's presence on Jennifer Lopez's hit title "Feeling so Good". During the making of his second album, *Yeeeah Baby!*, Pun suffered a heart attack, he died on February 7th, 2000. He was 28 years old.

Now to all of you who might want to venture a guess that Pun may still be alive, think again. Big Pun got his name from his enormous size. He weighed over 750 lbs at the time of his death. I'm almost positive that a quarter-ton of Latino pride would stick out like a sore thumb anywhere on the globe.

Despite his size, Big Pun was able to ensure that rising Latino stars received credit. He was the first Latino solo MC to achieve platinum sales (over 1 million copies sold) credited to his debut album. Following his death, the release of his second album

entered the charts at number 3 on "The Billboard's 200" under Carlos Santana and N'Sync, outselling Sisqo, Dr. Dre, Destiny's Child, Macy Gray, Kid Rock, and DMX.

Pun continues not to disappoint with his latest release, *Endangered Species*. The album is a collection of works by Pun from various artists ranging from The Terror Squad to the Ruff Riderz, and even Ricky Martin. And of course, rhymes by Pun's close friend Fat Joe are frequent in many of his tracks.

Six of the twenty-four tracks on this album are new material never

before released. Most of the others can be found on Pun's first album including the number one hit, "Still Not A Player." Other tracks that caught my attention for their catchy beats and strong lyrics were "How We Roll," "Banned From T.V.," "Mamma," "My World," and "Top of the World."

The one aspect that the record labels have managed to do with Pun's works and other deceased rappers is to take previously recorded works and remix them with the latest in musical technology while combining them with the

Pun's new CD, *Endangered Species*, if you haven't done so already.

This is the part where I am supposed to throw in a section on some crap that just got released. But my theory is, why waste good space on crap when I can write on another good release?

Many of you have probably heard of the band called Rammstein (pronounced Rhaam-shtine). But for those of you that haven't, Rammstein is a German rock/industrial band that seems to be rising in popularity.

rhymes of other rappers.

The end result is a great piece of work that has the potential to rise up the charts.

Many question the ability of deceased rappers to continue to release hits. I say that as long as other rappers are willing to build on the already existing works, there should be no problems. Be sure to pick up Big

One of the first German bands to make in big in America, Rammstein debuted their American entrance with their first album, *Sehnsucht*. It contained the hit single, "Du Hast" (You Hate). The heavy electronic beats combined with strong German vocals brought the band quickly into light. Their second release, *Herzeleid*, didn't rouse as much hype as their first did.

I think one of the reasons why this band isn't on the radio more is that most people simply don't understand German. But for us semi-German speaking individuals (those of us who claim to have a Minor in German from Rose-Hulman) who enjoy rock and techno, Rammstein is a definite favorite.

Their newest album, *Mutter* (Mother), released on Tuesday, April 3rd, is a decent addition to their library of works. Some of my favorites are "Mein Herz Brent," "Links 2 3 4," "Sonne," and "Ich Will."

Even if you don't know or understand German, Rammstein's solid beats and electronic nature will have hard rock fans begging for more. Rammstein fans should be sure to pick up *Mutter* as soon as possible.

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## Modern Day Slavery

Jason Meyer  
Staff Writer

Everyday, a common sight in the residence halls is people playing computer games for hours. If one is given a choice, how could one choose to play video games all day when there are so many other options? It is pretty sad how people with such high intelligence, or supposed high intelligence, could be so easily amazed with something so stupid.

Computer games become negative when one spends most of his or her, (probably his), free time playing them. The player becomes a slave to the computer. It boggles the mind why anyone

would want to spend any more time in front of a computer than one has to. There are so many other options for fun.

The students that are into computer games are the ones that look like they don't get out very much. Computer games must be played inside with computers. If one plays these games all of the time, they usually don't get much exercise. This often leads to a round body, shape and as such "Quake" will probably never be an Olympic sport.

Students at this school should sit in front of a computer less. It would be beneficial to Rose-Hulman to accept more students that take part in non-electronic extra-curricular activities.

Joshua Goebeler  
Kentucky Kernel  
(U. Kentucky)  
(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. -

A line of commercials has been running on television lately. They portray an upper-middle class household with a child, parents and grandparents sitting at the dinner table. The commercial depicts the child as unavoidably adorable. The catch at the end of the commercial is something to the effect of, "Kids, isn't it time that you had some?"

This particular commercial was sponsored by a religious group that feels we should "be fruitful and multiply." While I believe that it is best to respect others beliefs, I also hold strongly to the idea that my rights end where others' begin.

Thus, my argument is that encouraging people to have children is socially irresponsible and could potentially end in disaster.

According to the United Nations, the world's population is expected to grow to 9.3 billion by the year 2050. This is three times higher than in 1950 when the population was 3 billion.

Why is the population growing at nearly exponential rates? Much of it can be attributed to the fact that there are very few lions left on the planet to devour people and few large-scale wars. The only thing on Earth to keep the population of humans in check (other than natural disaster and disease) are humans themselves.

The largest rate of population

growth is occurring in developing countries. It is interesting that one of George W. Bush's first acts as president was to cut U.S. support for much-needed family planning services, maternal health care and HIV/AIDS prevention in overseas countries. The policy which he used to achieve this end is known as the "global gag rule."

While the administration said that it wanted the gag rule re-imposed because it does not support using federal funds for abortions, the gag rule effectively denies crucial aid to foreign non-governmental organizations that use their own money to advocate for or against legal abortion. This is about as irresponsible as a commercial that encourages people to continue in the current vein of overpopulation. Thomas Malthus is credited as the first to offer the doomsday scenario of population growth. Malthus' first theorem was known as the Dismal Theorem.

The Dismal Theorem states that "If the only check to population is misery, the population will grow until it is miserable enough to check its growth." With this quotation Malthus expressed his belief that the world's population was going to continue growing until the population outstripped food production, and starvation and misery became the end result.

Malthus' critics held firm to the conviction that improvements in technology would keep up with the population growth and people

would continue to live comfortably. Malthus answered this argument with his Utterly Dismal Theorem.

His Utterly Dismal Theorem states that "if the only check to population is misery, the result of any improvement is ultimately to enable a larger population than before to live in misery, so that resource improvement actually increases the sum of misery." Malthus asserts his idea that improvements in technology will allow more people to exist on the planet.

Unfortunately, the population will eventually outstrip the advancement of technology and then more people will be on the planet to experience misery and starvation.

While Malthus has been wrong in his time-line predictions, we are not able to disprove his Utterly Dismal Theorem. This is because we have yet to see if technology will eventually reach a peak that population surpasses. I hope more debate on this issue is born in the future. There are so many ethical questions that are raised.

Maybe it is socially irresponsible to have a child instead of feeding one already born, nearing death from starvation and suffering from lack of medical care. While the idea of everyone on the planet deciding against having children is nonsensical and nonproductive for the human race, I do feel that zero population growth is something that we should be moving toward as a species.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Most of us are old enough to remember saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each school day and singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" in our elementary choir classes. Our teachers were called Mr. or Mrs.

I bring this up because it's an example of paying respect where it is due. It happens today, too. Our ROTC students salute their superior officers. RA's are recognized as authorities in their halls.

Let me highlight a subtle

point. We have respect for the entity or the office, regardless of our feelings for the current representative. Sadly, if we mock the representative, his or her office is subject to disrespect also by way of association.

I was disappointed to see the page in last week's THORN making fun of former Vice-President Gore and President Bush. It showed that we have very little esteem for the highest offices in our land.

Marsha L Bergh,  
ME 2001

## From Generation X to Generation 'Why?'

John Burgoon  
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Generation X: If you are between 18 and 22 years old, then you might have an older brother or sister who is part of this generation of slackers and unmotivated drug-addicted, seemingly hopeless, somewhat computer savvy 26-35 year olds. They were the last remnants of American children who still enjoyed playing with action figures, dolls, Hot Wheels and perhaps the occasional Atari video game. They would go to the local arcade after school, ride their bikes around the neighborhood on Friday nights and perhaps go camping, fishing or have some make-believe adventure with a group of friends outdoors.

Generation X grew up just before personal computers became essential staples of the American

household. They grew up among Reaganism, hair bands, a burgeoning television channel known as MTV (when it only played videos) and "Star Wars." Almost immediately, sociologists and the like labeled Generation X the generation that didn't give a damn. The first true generation that entered adolescence without the threat of a large-scale war, Generation X was utterly unmotivated. Just look at how many of them still live at home, seemingly unable for some mysterious socioeconomic reason to break out into the real world and enter true adulthood.

But Generation X will go down in historians' books as tame compared to "Generation Y" or "Why?" The children of late baby boomers and early Generation X'ers, Generation Y was immersed in cynicism and pessimism, music videos, erratic Hollywood blockbusters, sex, sex and more sex, from day one.

O.J. Simpson's trial, Clinton's scandals and recently the presidential election debacle all add to the aura of pessimism and pragmatism that has settled over Generation Y. They have come of age in front of "Beavis & Butthead," "South Park" and the reality shows of the late 1990s.

Kids and young adults today are so far removed from young adults of a few generations ago that anthropologists might as well categorize them as another species. Whereas Generation X is categorized by their lack of effort or motivation, Generation Y is filled with a constant and unjustified anger. They are a violent generation. I can't help but think that the majority of young men out there, from ages 14 to 21, would not hurt a small animal if given the opportunity. The digital age has reared these children on electrons and hyper-kinetic ecliptic information accentuated by a media gone

amuck and a country's values gone awry. Visual stimuli are the only stimuli for Generation Y. They have no need for books or even music unless either can be found encoded in bytes to download and store on their desktops and laptops which serve as the babysitters, nannies, mothers, fathers and ministers of the new millennium.

Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, the teenagers behind the Columbine Massacre and this week's University of California at Santa Barbara student's murderous rampage that killed four people, are two perfect examples of how violently nihilistic Generation Y has become. I know it may be difficult to grasp, but these kinds of atrocities involving teen-

agers simply didn't happen a couple decades ago, at least not as frequently or in the same high profile manner as they do today.

So how did this all happen? Where did it all go wrong? Well, one must study the history of the 21st century as I have merely touched upon here to even try to find a decipherable thesis behind this downfall of the generation gap. The best that can be done is simply to see where we have come from and hopefully gain a better understanding of where we are going. Not only as a people, not only as a country, but as individuals who must change for the better if the world is truly to become a better place in this new millennium.

Just think about it.

I know you have opinions, feel like expressing them? If you do, join the Rose-Hulman Thorn as either the Opinions Editor or a staff writer. Email [thorn@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:thorn@rose-hulman.edu)

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## Scoreboard

Baseball (20-6, 3-1 SCAC)	
Centre College	5
Rose-Hulman (Sat. Gm. 1)	4
Centre College	2
Rose-Hulman (Sat. Gm. 2)	6
Centre College	0
Rose-Hulman (Sun. Gm. 1)	7
Centre College	6
Rose-Hulman (Sun. Gm. 2)	11
Softball (16-12, 12-1 SCAC)	
Centre	2
Rose-Hulman (Sat. Gm. 1)	10
Centre	6
Rose-Hulman (Sat. Gm. 2)	8
Centre	5
Rose-Hulman (Sun.)	10
Mixed Tennis	
Centre	5
Rose-Hulman	4
Women's Tennis	
DePauw	9
Rose-Hulman	0

## Upcoming Events

Friday	
Baseball vs. DePauw	-- 6pm
Saturday	
Baseball vs. DePauw	-- Noon
Softball vs. Goshen	-- Noon
Track @ DePauw or Eastern Ill.	-- 11am
Sunday	
Baseball vs. DePauw	-- 1pm
Softball vs. Manchester	-- 1pm
Tuesday	
Softball vs. DePauw	-- 3:30pm
Baseball vs. Wabash	-- 2pm

**Come Support The Baseball Team Friday vs. DePauw Under The New Lights at Art Nehf Field -- 6pm**

## Class Highlights

**Senior** Zach Miller went 10-18 from the plate in Rose-Hulman's games against Centre College this past weekend, scoring five times and batting in another two runs. Miller also hit two doubles.

**Junior** Jeremy Roehm finished second in the St. Joseph's Open (golf) by shooting a one-under-par round of 71. The golf team will travel to Scotland for break.

**Sophomore** Andrew Schipper vaulted his way into the NCAA division III outdoor championships with a 15' 5 3/4" leap. Schipper finished second in last year's outdoor nationals.

**Freshman** Nikki Rosenow leads the SCAC in batting average, hits, doubles, runs scored, and walks. Rosenow is batting .518 on the season with a slugging percentage of .795.

## Like Sports???

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Sports Editor  
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## Softball sweeps Centre, poised to clinch division

**Dan Gallagher**  
Sports Editor

There was a fan at the game on Saturday with a shirt bearing the slogan, "Expect to Win." That's exactly what the Engineers did this past weekend, and now they sit just two games away from their first divisional title. After completing a season sweep of Centre College, the ladies sit an impressive 16-12 on the season, and 12-1 in the league. With a sweep of DePauw on Tuesday night, the women will clinch the SCAC Eastern Division crown.

The ladies have an impressive lineup with several players playing multiple roles, and the entire team collaborating to create this unbelievable success story. Leading off the offense for the engineers is freshman shortstop

Janae Chaney. Chaney has started all 28 games for the Engineers this season and has scored 32 runs as well as compiling an on base percentage of .382.

Batting second in the lineup is Nikki Rosenow. Alternating defensive time between second base and the pitching mound with a .990 fielding percentage and a 2.75 ERA, Rosenow also leads the league in batting average at .518, runs, hits, doubles and walks.

The three, four, and five holes in the lineup present a challenge to any defense. Between the drag bunt posed by freshman Tabatha Doughty, .400 batting average of senior Christine Trossman, and home run power of freshman right fielder Stacy Gonya, the ladies have combined for 78 runs and 21 extra

base hits.

Rounding out this well balanced lineup for the Engineers are freshman Sarah Bireley, sophomores Jennifer Phelps, Amy Stutler, and Jen Clevenger, and junior newcomer Molly McKeown. The Engineers have put together an impressive offense, batting .315 as a team and leading the SCAC in runs scored.

So what would complete the perfect season? "An NCAA tournament berth," commented Chaney.

The wins on Saturday and Sunday showcased the characteristics of a league leading team, teamwork and determination. After shelling the Colonels into submission in five and a third innings of the first game (10-2), the women rallied with three runs in the sixth inning for

the 8-6 game two victory. The offensive pounding didn't end there, as the women tallied 10 runs Sunday to complete the sweep with a 10-5 win. The ladies clinched an SCAC playoff berth with the weekend wins.

Rosenow went 7-8 with five walks on the weekend, reaching base in all but one plate appearance. Trossman added five runs and four RBI's in the victories as well. Before suffering a broken finger in Sunday's game, Birely tallied two doubles and two RBI's.

The Engineers challenge Goshen college in a doubleheader this Saturday before squaring off with DePauw for a chance to clinch the divisional crown on Tuesday, April 10th. In the previous meeting at Rose-Hulman, the ladies swept DePauw by

## Rose-Hulman gets two new coaches

**Travis Holler**  
Editor Emeritus

The Rose-Hulman athletic department welcomed two new faces recently as Eric Koehler and Brad Hauter accepted coaching positions with the Fightin' Engineers.

Koehler will take over as offensive coordinator for the football team and assistant track and field coach while Hauter will be the head coach of the women's soccer team and an assistant on the men's squad, as well as the softball team.

Koehler brings his multiple pro-spread offense to the Engineers after having served for two years as offensive and recruiting coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. During his tenure, the passing attack at Wisconsin-Platteville ranked in the top 20 nationally both seasons.

"I am excited about getting started at Rose-Hulman," Koehler said. "If you couple a great education with outstanding people and facilities, then Rose-Hulman is an excellent place for a person to work and a student-athlete to attend."

Before moving to Platteville, Koehler previously held positions as wide receivers coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his alma mater Hanover College. Koehler was a wide

receiver for the Panthers, who made the NCAA Division III playoffs twice during his playing and coaching career there.

"Eric is going to bring an exciting brand of offensive football to campus," said Greg Ruark, athletics director. "One I think that student-athletes will enjoy."

Hauter has spent the previous six seasons as the head men's soccer coach at Saint Mary's University in Minnesota, where he compiled the highest winning percentage in the history of the program.

After a notable career at DePauw University, Hauter played soccer professionally in the U.S. from 1988 to 1998. He was also the founder and director of "Off the Streets," a non-profit organization formed to help the homeless.

Prior to his stint at Saint Mary's, Hauter served as assistant soccer coach at Gustavus Adolphus, Judson, and DePauw. He was also an assistant coach for the Rockford Raptors, a professional team that qualified for the playoffs each season.

"Brad brings a wealth of experience on all different levels," Ruark said. "He's going to have an impact on the women's program and will have input on the men's program as well."

"We're excited," he continued. "We think both will add to their respective programs."

## Thorn Athlete of the Week : Andrew Schipper

After vaulting to a third place finish in the NCAA division III indoor championships, and provisionally qualifying for the outdoors, sophomore Andrew Schipper has been named this week's Thorn athlete of the week.

"Schipper brings ability in vaulting and is a good role model for other athletes because of his work ethic. He has the attitude of wanting to get better and works hard to do so," commented coach Bill Welch.

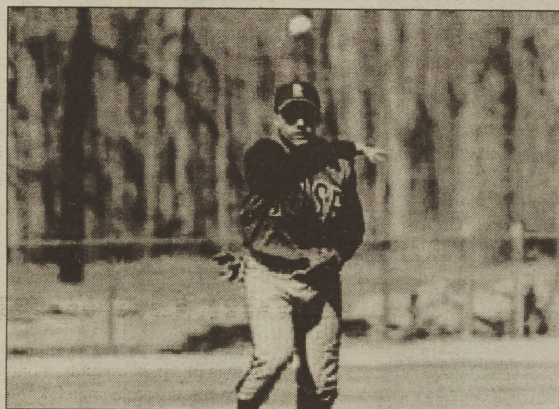
Schipper vaulted 15' 5 3/4" at the University of Indianapolis Invitational last Saturday. His leap earned him second place honors



**Andrew Schipper** Kyle Gossman / Thorn

in the meet. Schipper finished second in the 2000 division III outdoor championships.

## Baseball topples Center, tied for first in division



**A Rose-Hulman player throws to first in a recent home baseball game.** Don Harrington / Thorn

**Brian Meyer**  
Staff Writer

The Rose-Hulman baseball team gained control of the SCAC-Eastern division standings with a 7-0 and 11-6 doubleheader sweep over Centre College on Sunday Afternoon. The doubleheader sweep comes following a split of Saturday's games with the Colonels.

The Engineers improved their record to 20-6 on the season and improved to 3-1 in SCAC contests, tying DePauw University (6-2) for the top spot in the Eastern Division standings.

"The biggest difference between today and yesterday is that we played well defensively today. We weren't aggressive and the plate early and it showed. We hit the ball harder and got some breaks to help us out and score some runs," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jeff Jenkins.

Senior Travis Soyer of Norwalk, Iowa pitched a six-hit shutout in his first start since suffering a broken hand early in the season. Soyer improved to 2-1 on the season.

Senior Steve Krause blasted his first home run of the season in the first game to give the Engineers a 2-0 lead in the second inning. In the final frame,

doubles by senior Jason Fox and freshman Drew DeMarcow started a four-run spurt that secured the victory. Krause and junior Tevin Wiete each had two hits in the contest.

The second game saw the Engineers rally from a 6-3 deficit with two runs in the seventh, two in the eighth, and four in the ninth to earn an 11-6 victory. Senior Zach Miller provided the key hit of the contest, a two-out two-run double in the eighth inning that gave Rose-Hulman a 7-6 lead. Miller slapped four hits, scored twice and drove home two more to lead the offense.

Freshman Eric Clementoni relieved starter Robert Chandler in the fifth and denied the Centre offense even a hit, earning the victory and improving to 2-1 on the season. Clementoni recorded five strikeouts and allowed just one walk.

Rose-Hulman returns to action on Friday against DePauw University at 6 p.m. This will be the first night game at Art Nehf Field in Rose-Hulman baseball history.

"We have a long way to go in the season, but I'm not complaining about where we are right now. If we keep playing hard, we'll be in every game and put ourselves in position to win," said Jenkins.



# FLIP SIDE

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"It's not butter unless you slap the cow"

Tweezer, MI

Thursday, April 5, 2001

## Top Ten Budget Spring Break Destinations

- 10 Sonka's
- 9 Home
- 8 Carhenge
- 7 Gary, IN
- 6 The Floor
- 5 (The staff would like to take this space to point out that they are going to Florida next week, and we wish to mock those who aren't. Ha-ha)
- 4 Kansas. Anywhere in Kansas.
- 3 Indiana Beach
- 2 Branson, Missouri
- 1 The happiest place on earth! Tijuana!



## Horoscope

Aries - You may fall in love with a Leo this week, but stay away from Gemini's or you'll spontaneously combust.  
 Taurus - Don't eat beef today. Eat salmon.  
 Gemini - Your dream of becoming a ninja is just that: a dream. You will wake up to find yourself silently killing your pillow.  
 Cancer - Cry Cancer Cry! Cry cancer cry! Cry cancer cry!  
 Leo - You will meet a man who will tell you something of little significance. Or something.  
 Virgo - Your roommate will be eaten by ducks over spring break. Enjoy the extra space.  
 Libra - Tonight you will return home, trip on your grey cat, spill your beer on your left sleeve, continue to stumble until you clothesline yourself against the kitchen cupboard, and fall face down, slightly abrading your right palm.  
 Scorpio - You will fall in love with Ron.  
 Sagittarius - You will punch a Capricorn in the face.  
 Capricorn - You will need an icepack.  
 Aquarius - Your winning lotto numbers cannot be expressed rationally. Sorry.  
 Pisces - You will be eaten by ducks next week.

## Wacky Prof Quotes!

"Pigs make excellent human models ... and you can barbequeue your mistakes, and your successes for that matter."

- Dr. Hulbert, in a Biomedical Devices lecture.

"That's why I am in teaching, my mistakes go out the door in four years. Yours will haunt you the rest of your life."

- Dr. Hoover, talking about the benefits of academia vs industry

"Wow, its one of the neatest things I have ever seen, it has a mini maple inside!"

- Dr. Serbezov talking about the TI-89 after learning no one in Mass Trans has one

"I'm having a little trouble getting it up." "Anyone else wanna try blowing on it?"

- Dr. Brackin, both were in reference to her thermocouple.

"You say, 'I'm going to stop the current', it says, 'the hell you are. Who's the boss now!'"

- Dr. Moloney, referring to current flowing through a system

"Nothing's funnier than seeing a bunch of drunk people running around and screaming 'AHHHH! I'M BEING ELECTROCUTED.'"

- Dr. McLean while explaining electrochem in Achem 1

## Mike and Joel



## Coffee Shop Opens

Shop to offer intravenous caffeine lines to subscribing students. Service is reasonably priced. Catheter service costs extra.

See "Mmmm, caffeine." - Page 9

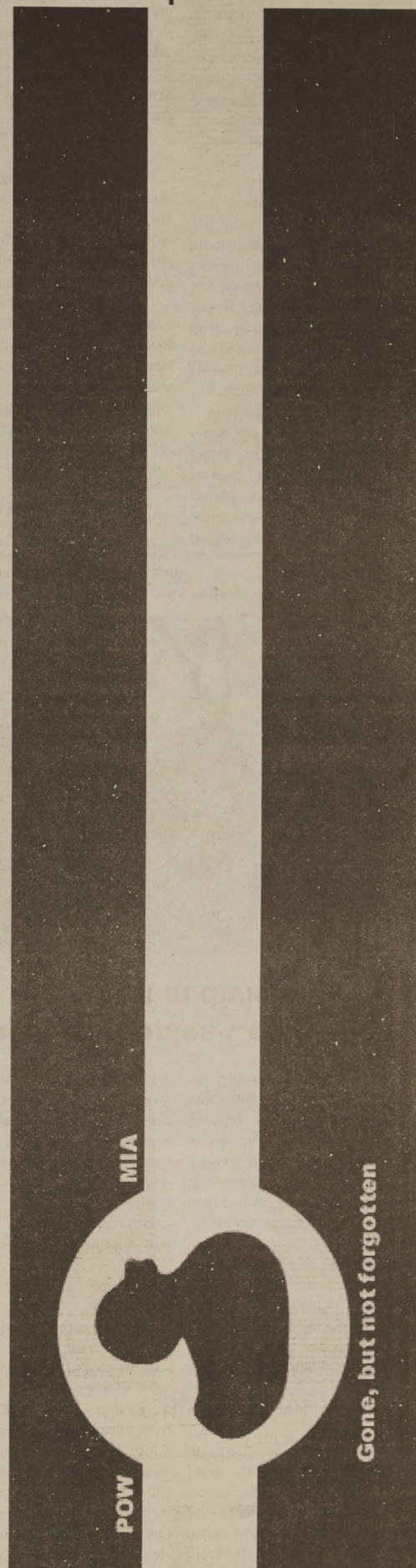
## This Week In History:

-1839, New York

The rubber duck was made possible by the invention of vulcanized rubber.

See "Quack" -Page 10

## Clip 'N Save!



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